

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 26, 2012

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1288**

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**Introduced by Senator Harman**  
*(Coauthors: Senators Berryhill, Cannella, and Correa)*  
*(Coauthor: Assembly Member Cook)*

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An act to amend Section ~~3037~~ 3033 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to ~~fish and~~ wildlife resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1288, as amended, Harman. Hunting licenses.

*Existing law generally requires a hunting license for the taking of a bird or mammal. Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Game to issue a license, upon payment of a fee, to eligible California residents and nonresidents, as specified. Existing law requires the department to issue a reduced fee license, as specified, to a disabled veteran, as defined.*

*This bill would also require the department to issue a reduced fee license to military personnel who are recovering service members, as defined, and who demonstrate eligibility, as prescribed.*

~~Under existing law, a hunting license authorizes the person to whom it is issued to take birds and mammals, in accordance with law, for a term of one year from July 1 to June 30, or, if issued after the beginning of that term, for the remainder of the term.~~

~~This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     *SECTION 1. Section 3033 of the Fish and Game Code is*  
2     *amended to read:*

3     3033. (a) The department shall, upon application and payment  
4     of a fee, issue a reduced fee hunting license, that authorizes the  
5     licensee to take any bird or mammal as otherwise authorized  
6     pursuant to this code and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, to  
7     a disabled veteran, as defined in subdivision (b), *or to a recovering*  
8     *service member, as defined in subdivision (c),* who has not been  
9     convicted of any violation of this code. The base license fee for a  
10    reduced fee hunting license shall be four dollars (\$4) for the  
11    hunting license year beginning on July 1, 1995, and, for the  
12    following years, this license fee may be annually reviewed and  
13    adjusted in accordance with Section 713.

14    (b) “Disabled veteran” means a person having a 50 percent or  
15    greater service-connected disability and an honorable discharge  
16    from military service. The person shall be eligible upon  
17    presentation of proof of an honorable discharge from military  
18    service and proof of the disability. Proof of the disability shall be  
19    by certification from the United States Department of Veterans  
20    Affairs or by presentation of a license issued pursuant to this  
21    section in the preceding license year.

22    (c) *“Recovering service member” means a member of the*  
23    *military who meets the definition of “recovering service member”*  
24    *in Section 1602(7) the National Defense Administration Act for*  
25    *Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181). A person shall be eligible*  
26    *for a reduced fee hunting license pursuant to this subdivision upon*  
27    *the submission of a letter, online or in hardcopy, to the department*  
28    *from that person’s commanding officer and from a military medical*  
29    *doctor stating that the person is a recovering service member.*

30    (d) *A person applying for a reduced fee sport fishing license*  
31    *shall submit adequate documentation for the department to*  
32    *determine whether the person is, in fact, eligible for a reduced fee*  
33    *sport fishing license. The department shall not issue a reduced fee*  
34    *sport fishing license to any person unless it is satisfied that the*  
35    *person has provided adequate documentation of eligibility for that*  
36    *license.*

37    ~~SECTION 1. Section 3037 of the Fish and Game Code is~~  
38    ~~amended to read:~~

1     ~~3037. A hunting license authorizes the person to whom it is~~  
2     ~~issued to take birds and mammals, in accordance with law, for a~~  
3     ~~term of one year from July 1 to June 30, or, if issued after the~~  
4     ~~beginning of that term, for the remainder of the term.~~

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